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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the ceasefire between the two countries.

1. On 5 July 1996, seven Iraqi motor boats, carrying 22 individuals, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

2. On 12 July 1996, five Iraqi tanks were observed near the geographic coordinates of 38 SQA 6800012000 on the map of Saeedieh, in no man's land.

3. On 13 July 1996, at 2040 hours, the Iraqi forces stationed near the geographic coordinates of 38 SND 4270005900 on the map of Khosravi, opposite the Iraqi Manzarieh sentry post, began to install an automatic machine-gun.

4. On 13 July 1996, a number of Iraqi smugglers aboard a boat in Houralhoveizeh were intercepted by the Iranian boundary police approximately 600 metres east of the Shahid Asadpoor sentry post. Coming under heavy fire of the Iranian guards, the smugglers retreated into Iraqi territory.

5. On 14 July 1996, at 0800 hours, the Iraqi forces installed a communication device with a receiving antenna on the roof of the Manzarieh customs office.

6. On 19 July 1996, at 0100 hours, the Iraqi forces stationed at the Doleh Sharif sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5580043200 on the map of Sumar, in no man's land, between north and south of the border pillars 43 and 44, in the area of Mian Tang, fired a number of shots which hit the Iranian territory in the same area near border pillar 44 on Iranian Kohneh-Rig Heights.

7. On 20 July 1996, 51 Iraqi motor boats and six launches and tugboats, carrying 170 individuals, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

8. On 21 July 1996, at 2230 hours, five anti-revolutionary elements, armed with Kalashnikov rifles and RPG-7, fired at the security guards of the Paveh radio and TV station. When they were encountered by the guards, they retreated

into Iraq, kidnapping a driver and his car belonging to the Paveh Agriculture Office, as well as a retired revolutionary guard. They killed the guard at the Shahoo Heights close to the Iraqi border and set the car on fire. The fate of the driver is still unknown.

9. On 21 July 1996, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers positioned at Zahirieh marshlands, Hoveizeh District, were intercepted by Iranian boundary police and as a result five of them were wounded and another was killed. Later, the boundary police, guided by one of the detainees, in pursuing the smugglers destroyed a boat belonging to the smugglers and killed and wounded several others. The rest escaped into Iraqi territory. Among the casualties was an Iraqi intelligence officer, identified as Ali Mazi. Mazi's deputy was among the smugglers and was hospitalized in Ahvaz. Two other detainees are members of the so-called "Khusistan Liberation Front".

10. On 23 July 1996, the Iranian boundary police pursued five anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory and entered the border village of Zarvar, Baneh district. As a result of the clash, one of the intruders, named Rahim Ghaderzadeh, was killed and four others managed to escape back into Iraqi territory.

11. On 28 July 1996, at 1700 hours, seven anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory were seen near the village of Gomarlang, Marivan District. Following the reaction of the Iranian boundary police, they escaped back into Iraqi territory.

12. On 28 July 1996, at 1510 hours, one Iraqi crane was observed at the geographic coordinates of 38S TP 5590019700 on the map of Khorosabad pulling up one sunken tugboat from the Arvand Rud.

13. On 30 July 1996, 20 anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory clashed with the Iranian boundary police at the border village of Mir-Hessam, Baneh District. They were forced to escape back into Iraqi territory.

14. On 30 July 1996, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers were intercepted by the Iranian forces. As a result, the smugglers fled into Iraqi territory through Houralhoveizeh.

15. On 31 July 1996, at 2021 hours, an Iraqi anti-aircraft gun, installed at Ras-Albisheh, located at the entrance of Faw in Arvand Rud, fired into air.

16. On 31 July 1996, at 2100 hours, the anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border threw a hand grenade towards the Finance and Economic Affairs Office in the city of Sardasht. There were no casualties.

17. On 31 July 1996, between 20 and 40 anti-revolutionary elements crossed the border and headed towards the village of Hossein-Nooran, Oshnavieh District. Pursued by the Iranian boundary police, they escaped back into Iraqi territory.

18. On 1 August 1996, the Iraqi forces installed a derrick 30m to 35m high at the geographic coordinates of 38S TP 5970018800 on the map of Faw, in no man's land.

19. On 4 August 1996, at 2000 hours, 30 anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory entered the border village of Bardehrash, Baneh District. They threatened and extorted the villagers and escaped back into Iraqi territory.

20. On 4 August 1996, at 2000 hours, 15 anti-revolutionary elements crossed the border and entered the border village of Daroola. They threatened and extorted the villagers and escaped back into Iraqi territory.

21. On 4 August 1996, a column of Iraqi military vehicles was observed moving from the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3500064000 on the map of Naft-Shahr to the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3500059000 on the map of south-east Naft-Shahr, south-west of border pillar 46.

22. On 7 August 1996, at 1600 hours, a number of anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border were intercepted by the Iranian boundary police in the Sirra-Baneh Heights. As a result, one of the intruders was killed and the others managed to escape back into Iraqi territory.

23. On 9 August 1996, a number of anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory entered the village of Dah-Vazna, Marivan District, and kidnapped one of the villagers. They murdered him in the village of Palangan on 16 August 1996.

24. On 14 August 1996, six anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory entered the village of Sarv-Abad, Marivan District, at the geographic coordinates of 38S PE 2500009500 on the map of Baneh. They threatened and extorted the local people before leaving the village.

25. On 15 August 1996, at 1600 hours, Iraqi forces fired at a motor boat belonging to the Iranian Navy, moving at the geographic coordinates of 48 43 E 0029 50 00 N.

26. On 17 August 1996, at 0530 hours, a number of smugglers who had crossed the border into Iranian territory were intercepted by the Iranian boundary police at the geographic coordinates of 38S QA 7100091000 on the map of Saeedieh. As a result, seven smugglers were killed and the others managed to escape back into Iraqi territory.

27. On 17 August 1996, at 0530 hours, one Iraqi loader was observed working at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5100043000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 44/1.

28. On 17 August 1996, 16 anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory were seen near the village of Piaran, Marivan District. Pursued by the Iranian boundary police, they escaped back into Iraqi territory.

29. On 17 August 1996, the Iranian forces intercepted 30 anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border into Iranian territory 14km north of border pillar 98/2 and Hang Zhal. As a result of a 15-minute clash, an Iranian force was wounded and those elements escaped into Iraqi territory.

30. On 19 August 1996, at 2200 hours, a number of anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border were intercepted by Iranian boundary police stationed at the village of Valissa, Marivan District, opposite the Iraqi city of Panjvein. As a result, one of the elements was killed, one Iranian policeman was martyred and another was wounded.

31. On 22 August 1996, at 0800 hours, two Iraqi vehicles were observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4300069000 on the map of Naft-Shahr, west of the Konehkabood river in no man's land.

32. On 22 August 1996, 20 Iraqi personnel were observed patrolling at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4100009000 on the map of Khosravi in no man's land, between south and north of border pillars 54 and 55 and the Iraqi Almeghdad sentry post and the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 6400017000 on the map of Kharatha, Agh Dagh mountain, west of border pillar 57/8.

33. On 24 August 1996, at 1300 hours, Iraqi personnel installed a tent near the digging derricks, at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5400038000 on the map of Sumar.

34. On 24 August 1996, Iranian personnel observed an Iraqi loader levelling the embankments at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4550098500 on the map of Khosravi.

35. On 25 August 1996, at 0945 hours, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers, aboard 10 boats, trespassed the Iranian border at the geographic coordinates of 38S QA 580073000 on the map of Houralhoveizeh, 3,500 metres south-east of border pillar 14B. They escaped into Iraqi territory when confronted with the Iranian border police.

36. On 26 August 1996, at 2020 hours, Iranian military personnel intercepted a number of Iraqi armed smugglers at Houralhoveizeh. As a result, an Iranian police guard was wounded and the smugglers escaped into Iraqi territory.

37. On 28 August 1996, at 0900 hours, Iraqi forces installed a long-range cannon on the Khaneghein silo, near the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 3700004000 on the map of north-east Khosrav_.

38. On 2 September 1996, a number of anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border were intercepted by the Iranian boundary police in the village of Barda-Gol, Piranshahr District. As a result, one of the intruders was killed.

39. On 5 September 1996, at 0950 hours, six high-ranking Iraqi military officers, aboard two vehicles, visited the Manzarieh sentry post, opposite the Khosravi area.

40. On 6 September 1996, at 1700 hours, Iraqi forces installed a dushka automatic machine-gun on the Al-Hossein sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4000014000 on the map of west Khosravi, west of border pillar 57.

41. On 6 September 1996, two members of the Iranian boundary police were wounded at the Tangeh-Tojal Heights by an explosion of mines planted by the anti-revolutionary elements who had crossed the border and entered Iranian territory.

42. On 9 September 1996, at 0820 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4590099200 and 38S NC 4340097200 on the map of Khosravi.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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